

HOUSE RESOLUTION 172  
By Rinks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Mr. Jetta Forsythe on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Jetta Forsythe is one such estimable person who has served with great loyalty and distinction for more than sixteen years with the McNairy County Office of the Department of Human Services (DHS); and

WHEREAS, a DHS Eligibility Counselor since November 1986, Mr. Forsythe has determined eligibility for all programs in a professional manner, always treating his clients with the utmost respect and dignity, regardless of their life situations; and

WHEREAS, known for his accuracy and timeliness in determining eligibility for Food Stamps, Jetta Forsythe has received numerous awards for case accuracy; he has successfully implemented the Families First welfare reform program in McNairy County and has been instrumental in the success of many of his clients in ending their dependency upon the State and becoming successful and productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forsythe accepted a great challenge by vigorously implementing the review process for Non-Medicaid eligibility for TennCare, completing a year's worth of reviews in six months; the expedition of those reviews was accomplished by using policies and procedures that were constantly being refined and updated, ensuring continued coverage for eligible individuals with minimal disruption, while recognizing the necessity to correct earlier inaccuracies; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Blue Mountain College with a ministerial degree, Jetta Forsythe is an ordained Baptist minister and the Pastor of Eastview Baptist Church in Eastview, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forsythe exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he has enjoyed the love and support of his wife of 43 years, Robbie; together they are the proud and supportive parents of three children and grandparents of seven; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jetta Forsythe has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his clients, colleagues, and superiors alike; his unfailing friendliness and courtesy in all his professional and personal relationships are a hallmark of his character; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we thank Mr. Jetta Forsythe for his many years of outstanding service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.